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SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS PROVIDED THE BONN GROUP WITH
THREE REPORTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE AUGUST 13 GDR
OBSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES TO BERLIN. THESE
REPORTS INCLUDE:

-- THE FRG ACCOUNT OF THE AUGUST 18 FRG-GDR
TRANSIT COMMISSION (TC) MEETING IN EAST BERLIN.
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-- THE REPORT BY THE CDU JUNGE UNION TO THE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR CONCERNING THE STERNFAHRT.

-- THE REPORT OF THE BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ (BGS)
STATION AT THE HELMSTEDT BORDER CROSSING POINT
CONCERNING THE AUGUST 13 EVENTS.

OUR ACCOUNTS OF THE FIRST TWO REPORTS ARE BASED UPON
ORAL BONN GROUP BRIEFINGS. THE THIRD ACCOUNT IS OUR
INFORMAL AND SLIGHTLY CONDENSED TRANSLATION OF THE BGS
REPORT PASSED AROUND IN BONN GROUP. OUR ASSESSMENT OF
THESE REPORTS AND OF THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IS
REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG REP (HENZE) HAS BRIEFED THE BONN GROUP ON THE
AUGUST 18 MEETING OF THE FRG-GDR TRANSIT COMMISSION (TC)
IN EAST BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING TO HENZE, GDR REPS BEGAN BY MAKING A
GENERAL RESERVE OF THEIR RIGHT TO PROTEST AGAINST THE
FRG ACCUSATION THAT THE GDR HAD VIOLATED THE TRANSIT
AGREEMENT (TA). THE GDR HAD "SUFFICIENT REASON TO
SUSPECT," UNDER ARTICLE 16 PARA 2 OF THE TA, THAT STERN-
FAHRT PARTICIPANTS WOULD ENGAGE IN "DEMONSTRATIVE
BEHAVIOR ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES AGAINST THE GDR." STERN-
FAHRT PARTICIPANTS INTENDED TO VIOLATE ARTICLE 16 PARA
1 OF THE TA ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

-- THEY INTENDED TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS.

-- THEY INTENDED TO DISPLAY POSTERS.

-- THEY INTENDED TO STAGE INCIDENTS WITH GDR
BORDER POLICE AND OTHER INHABITANTS OF THE GDR
AT THE CONTROL POINTS AND IN PARKING AREAS
ALONG THE ROUTES.

3. GDR REPS IN THE TC CITED SOME EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT
THEIR CLAIMS. THEY POINTED TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS
OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SCHUELER UNION IN WEST BERLIN AND
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THE SCHUELER UNION IN HESSE. FYI SCHUELER UNION IS
AFFILIATED WITH THE JUNGE UNION END FYI. THEY ALSO
POINTED TO A PROCLAMATION BY A WORKERS CIRCLE FOR A
FREE SOCIAL POLICY. THEY SAID THAT
SUCH STATEMENTS SPOKE OF "SENSATIONAL ACTS" SAYING THAT
THIS WAS THE FIRST STERNFAHRT TO BERLIN SINCE THE
BUILDING OF THE WALL. COMMENT: OUR FRG COLLEAGUES ON
THE BONN GROUP HAVE NOT BEEN TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL IN

EXPLAINING THE TERM "STERNFAHRT" TO US. IT IS A
COMING TOGETHER AT A CERTAIN POINT FOR A POLITICAL
DEMONSTRATION. THE GEOGRAPHICAL DIMENSION DOES APPEAR
TO BE AN ASPECT. END COMMENT.

4. GDR REPS WENT ON TO SAY THAT EVEN IF THE AUTHORS HAD
NOT MEANT TO DO SO, THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE INTER-
PRETED THEIR PROCLAMATIONS AND STATEMENTS AS CALLING FOR
DEMONSTRATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAD

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BEEN PUT IN AN "AGGRESSIVE MOOD" AGAINST THE GDR DUE TO

OTHER LEAFLETS.

5. GDR REPS SAID THAT THEY HAD FOUND LEAFLETS AND OTHER ANTI-GDR MATERIAL IN THE BUSES. YET, THE BERLIN JUNGE UNION LEADER HAS SAID THAT ALL MATERIAL FOR THE DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE FLOWN TO BERLIN SO AS TO BE NONPROVOCATIVE. THEREFORE, THE MATERIAL FOUND IN THE BUSES MUST HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR DISTRIBUTION ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES. GDR REPS SHOWED THE FRG SIDE VARIOUS PROCLAMATIONS AND LEAFLETS BUT DID NOT GIVE THEM COPIES.

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6. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO THE GDR, THE FRG PRESS HAD PUBLISHED ARTICLES THAT INDICATED THE INTENT OF THE PARTICIPANTS WAS TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS. THEY POINTED TO A FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU ARTICLE WHICH SAID LEAFLETS WERE GOING TO BE PRINTED UP BY HAND IN THE BUSES AND THROWN OUT THE WINDOWS. FYI: THERE IS AN ARTICLE IN THE AUGUST 13 FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU THAT ATTRIBUTES THAT PLAN TO THE HESSE SCHUELER UNION AND JUNGE UNION. END FYI.

7. CONCERNING THE QUESTIONING OF TRAVELERS AT THE BORDER AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRAVEL TO BERLIN, GDR OFFICIALS SAID THE ACTION WAS LEGITIMATE UNDER ARTICLE 16 OF THE TA. IT WAS THEIR INTENTION TO SEPARATE TRAVELERS IN THE LEAST CONSPICUOUS MANNER POSSIBLE. ASKING THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS THE LEAST HARMFUL WAY TO DO IT.

8. CONCERNING THE CONFISCATION OF MATERIALS (SEE BELOW UNDER BUS NUMBER 13 IN BGS REPORT), THE FRG DESCRIBED THE ACTION AS CONTRARY TO ARTICLE 16 PARA 5 OF THE TA. NO LIST OF CONFISCATED GOODS WAS GIVEN. GDR SIDE SAID THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE NO ONE IN THE BUS CLAIMED TO BE THE OWNER OF THE CONFISCATED GOODS.

9. THE TC MEETING CONCLUDED WITH FRG REPS RESERVING THEIR POSITION CONCERNING THE GDR PRESENTATION UNTIL THEY HAD TIME TO STUDY AND TO EXAMINE THE GDR CLAIMS. ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD BUT NO TIME HAS BEEN SET.

10. HENZE ALSO BRIEFED THE BONN GROUP ON A REPORT FROM THE JUNGE UNION (JU) SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. IN THE REPORT, THE JU DESCRIBES ITS STERN-FAHRT ACTIVITIES AS NONPROVOCATIVE AND DISCIPLINED.

11. THE JU NOTES THAT THE TRIP WAS NOT CENTRALLY ORGANIZED. EACH AREA COULD DECIDE IF IT WISHED TO

PARTICIPATE. INDEED, THE JU DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE COMING. NEVERTHELESS, A CIRCULAR LETTER AND INSTRUCTION HAD BEEN SENT AROUND TO MAKE IT CLEAR FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PROVOKE THE GDR AUTHORITIES. THE PURPOSE WAS THE RALLY IN BERLIN. JU MEMBERS WERE TOLD NOT TO TAKE ALONG MATERIAL WHICH WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE GDR AS PROVOCATIVE.

12. JU OFFICIALS WERE IN HELMSTEDT ON AUGUST 13. THEY WERE TO CALL AHEAD TO BERLIN WHEN EACH BUS LEFT. THE BUSES WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET AT A CERTAIN PLACE. BEFORE LEAVING, EACH BUS WAS SEARCHED TO REMOVE ANY LEAFLETS AND POSTERS. ACCORDING TO THE JU REPORT THEY SUCCEEDED IN "SANITIZING" ALL OF THE BUSES EXCEPT TWO:

-- ON NUMBER 1 (SEE BGS REPORT BELOW), THEY MISSED THE TWO POSTERS WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND BY GDR POLICE.

-- ON NUMBER 13, THEY DID NOT FIND THE MATERIALS NOTED BELOW. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE BUS DRIVER HAD FOUND THEM AND PLACED THEM IN THE LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT. GDR POLICE ALSO LATER FOUND THEM.

13. PARTICIPANTS WERE ALSO ORALLY INSTRUCTED TO BE NON-PROVOCATIVE. THUS, THE JU DENIES THAT ANY "LOOSE TALK," AS NOTED BY GDR OFFICIALS, COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

14. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, 6 OF 19 BUSES GOT THROUGH TO BERLIN. FORTY TO FIFTY PRIVATE CARS WERE TURNED BACK. (THE FOREIGN OFFICE KNOWS OFFICIALLY OF ONLY THREE CARS TURNED BACK.) PEOPLE WHO GOT THROUGH LIED SUCCESSFULLY TO

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GDR AUTHORITIES. THEY CLAIMED THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP
WAS A FOOTBALL MATCH OR AN EXCURSION.

15. GDR OFFICIALS WERE NOT SYSTEMATIC. SOME BUSES
AND CARS WERE TURNED BACK AT THE FIRST MARIENBORN
CHECKPOINT, OTHERS AT THE SECOND. IN MOST CASES, THE
COLLECTIVE VISA LIST OF NAMES WAS RETAINED BY GDR
POLICE.

16. THE THIRD REPORT IS FROM THE BGS STATION AT
MARIENBORN TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. OUR
INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS IN A SLIGHTLY CONDENSED
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FORM.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE FOLLOWING BUSES EITHER AT ARRIVAL OR
DEPARTURE WERE RECOGNIZED AND REGISTERED AS STERNFAHRT

PARTICIPANTS BY OFFICIALS OF THE BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ
STATION AT THE HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN.

-- NO. 1. DEPARTURE 11:33, 39 PEOPLE, RETURN
12:25

THIS BUS HAD AT THE TIME OF THE RETURN FROM
MARIENBORN A POSTER WITH THE PICTURE OF CDU CHAIRMAN
KOHL ON THE REAR OF THE BUS. HOWEVER, ALONG WITH ALL OF
THE OTHER BUSES OF THE STERNFAHRT THIS BUS HAD NO
POSTERS OR PLACARDS AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE WHICH COULD
BE SEEN. AT THE FIRST CONTROL POINT IN MARIENBORN, THIS
BUS UNDERWENT A CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE. AFTER THAT, THE
OFFICIALS OF THE GDR BORDER POLICE FOUND TWO ROLLED-UP
POSTERS. THE CONTROL WAS IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED AND THE
TRAVEL GROUP, WITHOUT BEING GIVEN A REASON, WAS SENT
BACK. NO ANSWER WAS GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS
CONCERNING THE GROUNDS FOR BEING SENT BACK.

-- NO. 2. DEPARTURE 13:25, 26 PEOPLE, RETURN
14:00 HOURS

AT THE TIME OF THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION THIS BUS
HAD PROPAGANDA MATERIAL IN IT. IN MARIENBORN, NOTHING
WAS ASKED, AND THE BUS WAS NOT SEARCHED. THE IDENTITY
OF THE PASSENGERS WAS FULLY CHECKED AT THE FIRST CONTROL
POSITION. THE BUS DROVE ON AND WAITED AT THE SECOND
CONTROL POSITION. THERE THE BUS WITH THE REASON OF
SUSPICION OF THE MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES WAS SENT BACK.
A LIST OF NAMES WAS TAKEN.

-- NO. 3. DEPARTURE 13:25, 18 PEOPLE, RETURN 14:00

THIS BUS AT THE TIME OF THE CUSTOMS INSPECTION HAD
NO PROPAGANDA MATERIAL AT ALL. THE PERSONAL IDENTITY OF
THE PASSENGERS WAS FULLY CHECKED AT THE FIRST CONTROL
POSITION. IT DROVE ON TO THE SECOND CONTROL POSITION AND
AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF WAITING WAS SENT BACK ON GROUNDS
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OF SUSPICION OF MISUSE OF THE TRANSIT WAYS. A LIST OF
NAMES WAS TAKEN. IN THIS BUS THE DRIVER, DESPITE A
PREVIOUS AGREEMENT NOT TO DO SO, ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS
OF THE GDR BORDER PATROL OFFICIALS AND ADMITTED THAT THE
PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS THE STERNFAHRT TO BERLIN.

-- NO. 4. DEPARTURE 13:25, RETURN AT
APPROXIMATELY 14:15

-- NO. 5. DEPARTURE 13:30, RETURN AT APPROXI-
MATELY 14:15

-- NO. 6. DEPARTURE 13:25, RETURN AT APPROXIMATELY
14:15

THIS BUS WAS SENT BACK ON SUSPICION OF MISUSE
OF TRANSIT WAYS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.
A LIST OF NAMES WAS TAKEN.

-- NO. 7. DEPARTURE 13:55, 49 PEOPLE

THIS BUS TRAVELED THROUGH AND ON 8/14/76, 03:45,
RETURNED FROM WEST BERLIN TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BY THE
HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN WITH 49 PEOPLE.

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-- NO. 8. DEPARTURE APPROXIMATELY 13:55, 35

PEOPLE, RETURN APPROXIMATELY 14:20

NO FURTHER INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED IN THIS CASE. THE REASON FOR RETURN WAS SUSPICION OF MISUSE OF THE TRANSIT WAYS. A LIST OF NAMES WAS TAKEN.

-- NO. 9. DEPARTURE 15:05, 25 PEOPLE, RETURN 15:30

SIMILAR TO NUMBER 8.

-- NO. 10 DEPARTURE 13:35, 35 PEOPLE, RETURN CONFIDENTIAL

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15:50

SIMILAR TO NUMBER 8.

-- NO. 11 DEPARTURE 14:20, 46 PEOPLE, RETURN 15:53 HOURS

SIMILAR TO NUMBER 8.

-- NO. 12 DEPARTURE 15:50, RETURN 17:20

WE DETERMINED THAT THE PASSENGERS OF THIS PARTICULAR BUS HAD TOLD THE DDR BORDER OFFICIALS THAT THEY WISHED TO TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN FOR A FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN HERTHA-BSC AND RED-WHITE ESSEN. THE DDR BORDER OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAD SAID THAT THEY KNEW ALREADY THAT THE BUS WAS OCCUPIED BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE STERNFAHRT. WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THE GDR BORDER OFFICIALS HAD SAID THAT THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED FROM HELMSTEDT, APPARENTLY FROM THE COLLECTION POINT IN BRUNNENTHAL, THE LICENSE NUMBERS OF THE BUSES WHO WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE STERNFAHRT. WE ASKED IF THE BUS HAD BEEN SEARCHED AND THE OCCUPANTS SAID THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN. A LIST OF NAMES WAS TAKEN AND THEY WERE SENT BACK ON SUSPICION OF MISUSE OF THE TRANSIT WAYS.

-- NO. 13. DEPARTURE 14:20, 34 PEOPLE, RETURN APPROXIMATELY 17:00 HOURS

ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE PASSENGERS OF THIS BUS AT THE ARRIVAL IN MARIENBORN WERE QUESTIONED AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP. EACH ANSWERED THAT THEY WISHED TO GO TO WEST BERLIN. THIS BUS WAS IN MARIENBORN SEARCHED IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT WAS OPENED AND IN A SMALL SUITCASE, TRAVEL MATERIALS, TRAVEL PROVISIONS AND FOOD AND VARIOUS CDU STICKERS AND BROCHURES WERE FOUND AND CONFISCATED. DESPITE THE REQUEST OF THE PASSENGERS, NO EXPLANATION OR STATEMENT WAS GIVEN BY GDR BORDER PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE CONFISCATED GOODS. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP OF THIS BUS HEINRICH ESS, BORN JANUARY 1, 1953, IN BAD KREUZNACH, PRESENT ADDRESS BAD KREUZNACH, WINZERBURGER STRASSE 50,

GAVE THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONFISCATED ITEMS
TO THE BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ STATION AT THE HELMSTEDT AUTO-
BAHN AT THE TIME OF THE RETURN FROM MARIENBORN.
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-- NO. 14. DEPARTURE APPROXIMATELY 14:00 HOURS,
33 PEOPLE

THIS BUS FROM GOSLAR HAD ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT
WINDOWS NEAR THE ENTRANCE A POSTER WITH THE CAPTION
"GOSLARER NEWSPAPER - READERS TRIP." APPARENTLY THE
OCCUPANTS OF THE BUS THUS FALSELY DESCRIBED THE PURPOSE
OF THEIR TRIP TO THE GDR BORDER OFFICIALS AND THE BUS
TRAVELED ON THROUGH TO WEST BERLIN. THIS BUS RETURNED
ON 8/15/76 AT 17:30 HOURS BY WAY OF HELMSTEDT.
CHAIRMAN OF THE JUNGEN UNION HERR SIKORA AND THE LEADER
OF THE TRIP HERR KLAUS KOBALD, BORN JANUARY 13, 1944 IN
GOSLAR RESIDENT IN GOSLAR PETERSILIEN STRASSE 17 SAID AT
THE TIME OF THE RETURN TRIP THAT THEY HAD REMOVED IN
HELMSTEDT THE POSTERS AND PLACARDS OF THE CDU BEFORE THE
DEPARTURE. AT THE FIRST DDR CONTROL POINT IN MARIENBORN
THEY HAD BEEN ASKED WHY THEY WISHED TO GO TO WEST BERLIN
AND THEY HAD SAID, WHEN ASKED DIRECTLY IF THEY WERE
PARTICIPANTS IN THE STERNFAHRT, THAT THEY WERE NOT.
AT THE SECOND CONTROL POINT IN MARIENBORN ANOTHER
QUESTIONING TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP.
THE BUS WAS NOT SEARCHED IN MARIENBORN ON AUG. 13 AT
THE TIME OF THE DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN. A LIST OF NAMES
WAS TAKEN. THE BUS ARRIVED ON AUG. 13, 1976, AT
APPROXIMATELY 18:30 HOURS IN BERLIN. AT THE TIME OF THE
RETURN FROM BERLIN THE CUSTOMS INSPECTION AT THE DDR
BORDER CONTROL POINT BY DDR OFFICIALS WAS BRIEF AND
FRIENDLY.

-- NO. 15. DEPARTURE APPROXIMATELY 16:00 HOURS,
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THIS BUS APPARENTLY GOT THROUGH TO BERLIN BY THE
PASSENGERS LYING. ITS RETURN HAS NOT BEEN FOUND OUT OR
DETERMINED.

-- NO. 16. DEPARTURE APPROXIMATELY 16:00 HOURS,
48 PERSONS

THIS BUS ALSO APPARENTLY GOT THROUGH TO
BERLIN WITH THE OCCUPANTS OF IT LYING TO THE DDR BORDER
PERSONNEL. IT RETURNED ON AUGUST 15, 1976 AT 3:45 TO
HELMSTEDT. THE TRAVELERS SAID THAT THE TRIP TO BERLIN
HAD BEEN HELD UP FOR TWO HOURS IN MARIENBORN. ON THE
RETURN FROM BERLIN THEY HAD IN MARIENBORN A WAITING TIME
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OF ABOUT 30 MINUTES. THE QUESTIONING AT THE TIME OF
THE RETURN BY GDR BORDER OFFICIALS WAS NOT CARRIED
THROUGH.

-- NO. 17. DEPARTURE AT A TIME NOT DETERMINED, 40
PERSONS

TRAVEL LEADER: GUENTHER ZOELLINER, HAGEN,
HARDENBERGERSTRASSE 47

-- NO. 18. DEPARTURE AT A TIME NOT DETERMINED, 20
PERSONS

TRAVEL LEADER: HANS-GEORG HOVERMANN, DORTMUND,
CASTROPERSTR. 120

THESE TWO BUSSES ARRIVED ON FRIDAY IN BERLIN. ON
AUGUST 15 AT ABOUT 15:15 HOURS THEY CAME BACK FROM
BERLIN. IN NUMBER 17 VARIOUS POLITICAL STICKERS IN
PERSONNEL LUGGAGE HAD BEEN BROUGHT ALONG. IN NUMBER 18
NO POLITICAL STICKERS, ETC. WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT ALONG DURING THE RETURN. DURING THE RETURN THE
STOP AT THE CONTROL POINT IN DREWITZ AND MARIENBORN WAS
NORMAL AND LASTED ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES. LISTS OF NAMES
OF PASSENGERS WERE TAKEN AT THE CONTROL POINT IN
MARIENBORN. APPARENTLY THE BUSSES HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET
THROUGH TO BERLIN BY LYING TO GDR GUARDS. THESE BUSSES
HAD NOT MET WITH THE OTHERS IN BRUNNENTHAL, IN HELMSTEDT
BEFORE THE TRIP TO BERLIN. END TEXT.
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